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The Iowa Democratic Party (IDP) is in receipt of your letter of September 21, 2005 regarding the committee's 2003 Year-End Report. Your letter requests clarification of why the committee failed to disclose disbursements on its original report on January 31, 2004. On March 22, 2004, an amended report was filed that disclosed committee disbursements.

It should be noted that the Iowa Democratic Party has had an almost complete turnover of staff subsequent to the 2004 election. Therefore, the staff responsible for preparation of the 2003 Year-End Report is no longer employed by the IDP. In response to your letter, current IDP counsel attempted to contact the former comptroller to obtain information regarding the circumstances surrounding this omission. Unfortunately, counsel has been unsuccessful in reaching the former comptroller. Therefore, the IDP has been unable to verify the circumstances surrounding this omission.

The Iowa Democratic Party believes that this omission was not, in any way, deliberate, and was likely caused by technical difficulties in transferring data from our internal database to FECFile. In the event that the IDP is able to obtain more information regarding this matter, we will contact the Commission with such additional information.

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